

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response is in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004. Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-16 are subject to a restriction requirement under PCT Rule 13.1. In particular, the Examiner stated that

These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Species I.....fig. 1,

Species II.....fig 3

Applicant hereby elects Species I, claims 1-14, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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